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All Superintendents of Police & F.R.O.,  
All Commissioners of Police & F.R.O.,  
The Dy. Commissioners of Police, SB, F.R.R.O., Mumbai.

No.RGF-2005/1952/FOR-I

Home Department, Mantralaya,  
Mumbai 400 032.

Dt: 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2006

Subject:- Liberalization of the Visa Regime regarding grant of Student Visa.

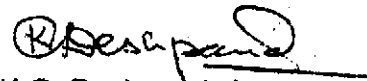
Ref. G.L. H.D. of even number dated 6.9.2005

As per the directions of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, in regard to liberalised Student Visa, instructions have been issued to you, vide Government letter referred to above, according to which, the State Government and F.R.R.O. were delegated the powers in respect of paras 52 and 53 of the Visa Manual, permitting the students to change the course and institute or both mid way.

However, it was observed by the Ministry of Home Affairs that inspite of the change, students are still facing difficulties in getting residential permits and changing their educational institutions. With a view to remedy this situation, the Government of India has desired that powers in respect of paras 52 and 53 of the Visa Manual, viz visa extension and permitting the foreigner students to change the course and institute or both midway, be delegated to all FROs.

Accordingly, you are hereby empowered to grant extension of visa and permit change of institute or course or both midway in respect of foreign students so as to minimise the difficulties faced by them. You are, therefore, requested to exercise these delegated powers in taking appropriate decision in case being presented to you by foreign students

Only such cases, wherein FROs feel that they need clearance of Government of India for specific reasons and are not within their delegated powers should be forwarded to this Department for onward submission to Government of India.

  
( K.G. Deshpande )

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